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JUN 22 2007I. Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2007, claims 9, 18, 27, and 44 have been amended. Claims 1-14, 16-24, 26-34, 36-62 remain in the application. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II. Allowed Subject Matter

In paragraph 3, the Office Action indicates that claims 1-6, 8, 17, 19-24, 26, 37-43, 45-47, 51-53, 57-59 and 62 are allowed. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowed subject matter.

III. Claim Amendments

Applicants' attorney has made amendments to the claims as indicated above in response to the Examiner's suggestions. These amendments were made to expedite prosecution, and the Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

IV. Examiner Interview

Reference is hereby made to a telephone interview between Applicants' attorney Georgann S. Grunebach, and Examiner Hunter B. Lonsberry in connection with the present patent application on March 7, 2007, in which the subject rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101 were discussed.

V. Office Action Subject Matter Rejection

In paragraph (2), the Office Action rejects claims 9-14, 16, 18, 27-34, 36, 44, 48-50, 54-56, 60, and 61 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Applicants have amended the claims substantially in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

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VI. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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